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The County of Los Angeles is the coordinating entity for countywide response to large scale catastrophes, such as wind storms, wildfires, and earthquakes. To respond effectively during emergencies, County departments must have access to their critical computer programs and data. To ensure that critical departmental computer systems are available in a Countywide or local disaster condition, a back-up computing facility with copies of programs and data is required. This process is usually referred to as “Disaster Recovery” or DR.

Currently, the Internal Services Department (ISD) maintains DR capability for its supported departments through a lease arrangement with Orange County. However, that facility is insufficient to provide DR for all County departments.

A recent Chief Information Office (CIO) survey revealed that some County departments have insufficient DR capability not only for Countywide disasters, but also for local emergencies such as building fires or water leaks. This places County departments at risk to be able to respond during a disaster.

At the same time that the County is evaluating its DR capabilities, technology is expanding beyond traditional bricks-and-mortar infrastructure and providing similar services in a less costly, yet highly secure manner.

The County must be able to provide its vital services to citizens under normal circumstances and especially during disaster conditions. We must prepare our departments to be ready.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Office, in conjunction with the Chief Information Office and Internal Services Department to:

- Report back within 30 days with a preliminary report on a recommended site, cost estimates, expedited project timeline and funding or financing approach to create a Los Angeles County disaster recovery center to be used by all County departments;
- Explore other options outside of constructing a facility, i.e., a “cloud”; analyzing how the County might achieve economies-of-scale, and easier manageability and maintenance, while ensuring a secure environment for the County’s critical data;
- Include in the report operational and energy efficiencies, cost savings and/or cost avoidance associated with the project; and
- Develop directives and policies needed to implement a Los Angeles County Disaster Recovery Center.

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